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The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-24 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of executing [plural] a plurality of kinds of communication protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a first data modem;

a second data modem;

a first protocol modem;

a second protocol modem, wherein the plurality of kinds of communication protocols include a first communication protocol, for setting an operation mode of said first data modem to communicate image data by using said first protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, [the communication protocols further including] and a second communication protocol, for setting said second data modem to communicate image data by using said second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals;

a first [detection means for detecting] detector circuit adapted to detect a call signal;

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a second [detection means for detecting] detector circuit adapted to detect ID information, for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station, sent between call signals;

a memory [means] for storing information of a communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station in association with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station; and

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[means for] a reading circuit adapted to read the information of the communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station from said memory [means] in accordance with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station detected by said second [detection means] detector circuit at [the] a time of [the] detection of the call signal, and [selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system] to conduct communication corresponding to the call signal detected by said first detector circuit, based on a communication protocol corresponding to the information as read.

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2. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

[means for registering] a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system [to] in said memory [means] in accordance with the [executed] communication protocol.

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3. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ID information for identifying the communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said registration [means] circuit stores the information of the communication system [to] in said memory [means], when calling is selected for the telephone number information [having], such that the information of the communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station is stored [therein] in said memory in association with the telephone number information sent between call signals.

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4. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication system changes with a type of modem.

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5. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication system includes a

communication system using V.21 and V.29 standards and a communication system using V.8 and V.34 standards.

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6. (Amended) A communication method capable of executing [plural] a plurality of kinds of communication protocols, [wherein the communication protocols include] including a first communication protocol, for setting an operation mode of a first data modem to communicate image data by using a first protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, [the communication protocols further including] and a second communication protocol, for setting a second data modem to communicate image data by using a second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, said method comprising:

a first detection step of detecting a call signal;

a second detection step of detecting ID information, for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station, sent between call signals;

a memory step of storing in a memory information of a communication system of the communication apparatus at the calling station in association with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station; and

a step of reading the information of the communication system for detected information of the

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communication apparatus at the calling station from said memory in accordance with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station detected [by] in said second detection step at [the] a time of [the] detection of the call signal, and [selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system] conducting communication corresponding to the call signal detected in said first detection step, based on a communication protocol corresponding to the information as read.

7. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, further comprising:

a step of registering the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system [to said] in the memory in accordance with the [executed] communication protocol.

8. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 7, wherein the ID information for identifying the communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said step of registering stores the information of the communication system [to said] in the memory.

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when calling is selected for the telephone number information  
[having] such that the information of the communication system  
of the communication apparatus at the calling station is stored  
[therein] in the memory in association with the telephone number  
information sent between call signals.

9. (Amended) A communication method according to  
Claim 6, wherein the communication system changes with a type of  
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10. (Amended) A communication method according to  
Claim 6, wherein the communication system includes a  
communication system using V.21 and V.29 standards and a  
communication system using V.8 and V.34 standards.

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11. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of  
executing [plural] a plurality of types of communication  
protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:

[detection means for detecting] a detector circuit  
adapted to detect reception of a call signal;

[receiving means for receiving] a receiver circuit  
adapted to receive ID information for identifying a communication  
apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication of

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a selection [means for selecting] circuit adapted to select, based on [the basis of] ID information that is received by said [receiving means after said detection means detects reception of the call signal] receiver circuit, at least one of the plurality of types of communication protocols in accordance with a detection of the call signal by said detector circuit; and

X a communication [means for conducting] circuit adapted to perform a communication [with the communication apparatus at the calling station] corresponding to the call signal detected by said detector circuit, in accordance with the at least one communication protocol selected by said [selecting means] selection circuit.

12. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said [receiving means] receiver circuit receives the ID information between [receptions of] receiving successive calling signals.

Sub I5 > 13. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, further comprising a memory [means] for storing, in association with each of [plural] a plurality of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of

Sub IS > communication apparatuses at the calling station, a communication protocol [which] that the respective communication apparatuses at the calling station can utilize, wherein said selection [means] circuit selects the at least one communication protocol based on [the basis of] the ID information received by said [receiving means] receiver circuit and the registered ID information stored in said memory [means].

X 14. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising [update means for] an updating circuit adapted to update the communication protocols stored in said memory [means].

15. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising [counting means for counting] a counter circuit adapted to count a predetermined time, wherein said [update means] updating circuit updates the communication protocols stored in said memory [means] when said [counting means] counter circuit has counted the predetermined time.

SubLS > 16. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a count [means for counting] circuit adapted to count a number of communications performed by said



L5/ communication apparatus to each communication apparatus at the calling station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in said memory [means], wherein said [update means] updating circuit updates the respective communication protocol for each communication apparatus when said count [means] circuit has counted a predetermined number of communications for that communication apparatus at the calling station.

17. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ID information received by said [receiving means] receiver circuit is a telephone number of the communication apparatus at the calling station.

Sub I 6 > 18. (Amended) A control method for controlling a communication apparatus capable of executing [plural] a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting reception of a call signal;

receiving ID information for identifying a communication apparatus at a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to the image communication;

selecting, based on the [basis of] ID information

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that is received [at] in said receiving step after said detecting step detects reception of the call signal, at least one of the plurality of types of communication protocols; and

communicating with the communication apparatus at the calling station in accordance with the at least one communication protocol selected [at] in said selecting step.

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19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 18, wherein said receiving step receives the ID information between [receptions of] receiving successive calling signals.

20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 18, further comprising [a] the step of storing in a memory, in association with each of [plural] a plurality of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of communication apparatuses at the calling station, a communication protocol [which] that the respective communication apparatuses at the calling station can utilize, wherein said selection step selects the at least one communication protocol based on [the basis of] the ID information received in said receiving step and the registered ID information stored in the memory.

21. (Amended) A method according to Claim 20,

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further comprising [a] the step of updating the communication protocols stored in the memory.

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22. (Amended) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising [a] the step of counting a predetermined time, wherein said [update] updating step updates the communication protocols stored in the memory when said counting step has counted the predetermined time.

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23. (Amended) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising [a] the step of counting a number of communications performed by the communication apparatus to each communication apparatus at the calling station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in the memory, wherein said [update] updating step updates the respective communication protocol for each communication apparatus when said counting step has counted a predetermined number of communications for that communication apparatus at the calling station.

24. (Amended) A method according to Claim 18, wherein the ID information received [at] in said receiving step is a telephone number of the communication apparatus at the